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Town Topics.

WHAT OUR PEOPLE ARE DOING. ITEMS OF INTEREST PICKED UP ABOUT TOWN.

"A City That is Set on a Hill Cannot Be Hid."

Miss Alice Hamilton of Mechanic Falls, is spending the week in town.

W. W. Virgin of Rumford, made a business trip to our village, Saturday.

Mrs. Arthur Varley was at Oxford Sunday, to attend the funeral of a friend.

Mr. James N. Hall of So. Andover, was in the village Saturday, on business.

The Literary Society will meet with Mrs. C. O. Foster, Thursday afternoon at 2.30.

Custom tailoring done right and at a low price at F. H. Noyes' Blue Store, Norway, Maine. New cloths for spring now ready.

There will be an entertainment this (Wednesday) evening at the home of Mrs. H. C. Andrews, given by the Literary Society. All are invited.

At the regular meeting of the Literary Society the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Mrs. W. D. Hastings, president; Mrs. C. Bisbee, vice-president; Mrs. W. Bowler, secretary; Addie M. Gordon, treasurer.

The News job print has been working at its fullest capacity for the past few weeks, town reports and school papers having the right of way. It is seldom that we have more work than we can do, but we have been obliged to turn town reports away this year.

The corn planters have signed for the usual amount of acreage already, which insures the operation of the factory this season. As the neighboring factory which was destroyed by fire last year will not be rebuilt, it will materially add to the plant for Bethel factory. This, together with the farmers who subscribe later on, as planting time draws near, is expected to furnish corn enough so that the factory will do a larger business this year than before. Mr. Chute will put his can-making crew to work soon.

Prize Speaking.

Friday evening, March 3, will occur the annual Prize Speaking of Gould's Academy, in Odeon Hall. No pains have been spared to make this one of the best entertainments in the history of the school. The latest and best selections obtainable, have been secured for the speakers. The students have been carefully trained, and have labored faithfully to acquire themselves in a creditable manner. The male and ladies' quartettes have prepared special music for the occasion, which is sure to please.

One year ago, the Prize Speaking drew out one of the largest audiences that ever assembled in Odeon Hall. The speaking this year should surpass that in excellence, and we hope to see the hall packed to the doors next Friday evening. All who have an interest in "Old Gould's", should show their appreciation of the efforts that students and teachers are making to put the school in the front rank. You can do this in no more substantial way than by giving them the encouragement of your presence on occasions of this kind. The judges will be Principal William E. Sargent of Hebron Academy, Judge A. R. Evans of Gorham, N. H., and Miss Alice J. Mason, Supt. of Schools, Berlin, N. H.

Following is the program:

- Musio.
- Invocation.
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- "The Prodigal Son," Maud Lillian Thurston
- "Seth Peter's Report of Daniel Webster's Speech," Wallace Goodwin
- "An Hour," Sarah Bundy Chapman
- "Fourteen to One," Harry Hancock Farwell
- Musio.
- "The Boat Race," Minnie Godwin
- "The Orator of the Phillos," Robert Calvin Bisbee
- "Aunt Melissy on Boys," Ruby Marcia Smith
- "The Governor's Champion," Edwin La Forest Harvey
- Musio.
- "Virginia of Virginia," Henrietta Douglass
- "Last Charge of Ney," Charles Holstead Holmes
- "Mam' Tildy's Hymn," Beatrice Earle Kollerher
- Musio.
- "Sunday Thieves," Ethel Violet Sanborn
- "The Fight with the Aurochs," Merritt Brackett Gay
- "Sorrow and Joy," Susie Adel Hutchins
- Musio.

Christian Endeavor Sociable.

The long deferred C. E. social took place last Friday night, and the committee upon entertainment, have every reason to congratulate themselves upon its success. The perfect winter night, the cordial and appreciative spirit of the guests, and the merit of the program, combined to send home, at the close of the evening, nearly a hundred people of differing ages, in the happiest of moods.

The intricate marches made a pretty spectacle to the lookers-on. The duet, by Mr. and Mrs. Varley, "O, That we two were Maying," was sung with great sweetness and feeling, and to an enthusiastic encore they responded with Rubinstein's ever beautiful "Wanderer."

Mr. Pratt was the target against which rattled twenty questions from all parts of the room, till it was discovered that the musician was personating, and whose biography the questions revealed, was none other than Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, born in Salzburg, Austria in 1756, died in Vienna in 1791.

Miss Ruby Clarke then read in a delightful manner, the story of the circumstances in which Mozart's masterpiece, the famous Requiem, was composed, and of the pathetic last rehearsal, closing with the ending of the brilliant young life, with a faithful servant as sole mourner at his snow covered grave. After this recital, Mrs. Gehring gave a brief sketch of a visit made to Salzburg, describing the annual Music Festival she there attended, where choruses with their conductors, came from different towns, to sing in competition for a prize. She also mentioned a visit to Mozart's home, where his odd little piano, and some of the scores of his works are on exhibition. She particularly called attention to the devotion of Mozart to his parents and sister, and of the happiness of his married life, which well accounts for the love, as well as pride, the people of Salzburg bear in such a loving degree for their gifted townsman. Miss Gehring first read a translation of a short German poem, then interpreted upon the piano, the roar of the winds and waves, and, in their lull, the singing of the fair young maiden high up in the castle tower.

Mr. Hanscom, "lent to the rhyme of the poet the beauty of his voice," and was most vigorously encouraged, giving equal pleasure in both humorous and pathetic selections. The "Musical Memory Test," called forth much amusement from those, who, with pencil and paper, sought to rapidly write the titles of twenty musical compositions with only the opening bars played upon the piano for a guide. As the repertoire varied from the "Hallelujah Chorus," to "Folly Wolly Doodle," the quick transition of thought, proved much more confusing than one would imagine. The plaintive requests that Mrs. Gehring would play it "just once more," "It's something patriotic, but I can't remember what," when the "Star Spangled Banner" was the test, shows to what degree of "rattlement" some of the most clever were reduced.

Mrs. Varley's solo, with Miss Purinton's sympathetic accompaniment, bestowed much pleasure; and the impersonated adjectives given by Misses Gehring and Carter, Messrs. Pratt and Farnsworth, provoked hearty laughter. The game of "Chase the Squirtle," with the musical innovation, which was dedicated to the "Centennial Class," was introduced as a special compliment to the younger guests, but not disdained by their elders.

It was a delightfully expressive throng that bade "good night" to the president, the chaperone, and the committee, frankly expressing the wish that they might receive another invitation to attend an equally entertaining C. E. social.

There is more Catarrh in this section of the country than all other diseases put together, and until the last few years was supposed to be incurable. For a great many years doctors pronounced it a local disease, and prescribed local remedies, and by constantly failing to cure with local treatment, pronounced it incurable. Science has proven catarrh to be a constitutional disease, and therefore requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio, is the only constitutional cure on the market. It is taken internally in doses of 10 drops to a teaspoonful. It acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. They offer one hundred dollars for any case it fails to cure. Send for circulars and testimonials. Address: F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O. Sold by druggists, 75c.

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By the fireplace. I love to sit by the fireplace And dream of the years gone by When through the meadow we roamed at will. My little sweetheart and I. I plucked the fairest flowers that grew. Her delicate form to grace. Oh, tonight I feel she is with us again As I dream by the fireplace! I see her now in the old armchair, Rocking the babe to sleep; I hear her offer a fervent prayer The little one safe to keep. The little pink feet and stockings neat. The delicate curls and lace. I am conscious now of their presence near As I dream by the fireplace. Long years ago we laid her away In the churchyard on the hill. The pine trees sing a requiem sad. The brook flows murmuring still. The baby is now a lass in her teens, And in her features I trace The face of her mother, my little sweetheart. As I dream by the fireplace. -Sen C. Wilkins in National Magazine For February.

OUR HOUSE-HUNTING.

"It is too bad" I say half crying. "I really can't stand it much longer. We shall have to make another change."

"Making six in five months," says Jack. "I wouldn't mind if we seemed to better ourselves; but I can't see as we do. If our room is not dirty, the parlor is. If the other boarders are not noisy, there is sure to be a piano next door, or a vocalist or French-horn across the street, or a church bell around the corner, or something equally objectionable. Here, where it is clean and quiet, we are half starved. What do you say to a flat, Ethel?"

"Oh, not a flat!" I cry in horror. "I saw enough of that at Aunt Mary's. She had a piano below her which went all day and half the night, and the gentleman above her had the pleasing habit of coming home in the small hours and dancing a double-shuffle in his boots. Then the trouble with the servants, and the way the elevator gets stuck, and the danger of fire! Oh, Jack, not a flat, whatever we do! I never, never could come down one of those dreadful fire-escapes on a dark night."

"Well, then, what would you think of a house in the country?" says Jack.

"A house in life country!" I cry. "But do you really mean it? Could we afford it, Jack?"

"I really think we might," says Jack, pondering. "My salary is to be raised next month, and take it for all in all, I don't believe that a small house in a country town would cost much more than our board and washing does in the city. Only we can't go in for luxuries, you know, little woman. A small house and one servant. Do you think you could get along?"

"Get along? Oh, Jack!" I cry, "it would be heaven. To go out of this hot, dirty city that I always did hate, and to have a little house all to ourselves, where I can putter about as much as I like, and perhaps a flower-garden—just a little bit of a one, Jack,—oh!" I gasp for breath, unable to express the rapture which fills my soul at the idea.

Jack looks at me, half laughing half sad, wholly surprised.

"Why, Ethel, I had no idea you felt like that about it," he says kindly. "Why did you not tell me that you hate the city so much?"

"Why should I?" I say. "I thought you had to be here, and—I don't hate the city as much as I love you, Jack. But you and the country together!" And again I pause and clasp my hands in speechless ecstasy.

So it falls out that one bright day, Jack having obtained leave of absence from the office, we start together on a house-hunting expedition. It has taken us long to decide where to fix our abode, but we have at length settled upon the town of Medfield as the very place for us. It is healthy, it is pretty, the society is good, and it is near enough to the city to enable Jack to go in and out every day. All things considered, and of course provided we can find a suitable house, Medfield seems the very place for us. Jack has provided himself with lists of houses from several agents, and we charter a hack at the station and start upon our explorations.

Really these house agents appear to have had singular ideas. Jack has carefully told them what we want—a small house with modern improvements, rent not to exceed a certain very modest sum. The first house before which our hack pauses is an elaborate affair standing in rather extensive grounds. It has conservatories, bay windows, verandas, and all manner of fanciful decorations.

"Jack," I whisper, softly, "how ever low the rent may be, this will never do for us. We should be as hopelessly lost in it as two mice in a dog kennel!"

Jack laughs. "You need not trouble yourself, my dear," he says. "We will take the next house on our list. The agent has evidently made a mistake."

The next is a small, plain four-square house, which looks more promising, until we discover that it has no modern improvements. "Any range?" I ask, timidly. "I said no modern improvements," answers the agent, stiffly. "Why, Jack," I gasp, "is a range a modern improvement? I never knew that before." At which both Jack and the agent laugh, and we promptly leave.

The next house has no closets; the one after that has a cellar kitchen, far below the level of the street, damp and musty for the want of light and air.

"I could never eat anything that came out of that kitchen," I cry, agast.

The morning is wearing on, and no house to suit us has been found yet.

"I'll tell you what, little woman," says Jack, "we shall never get on at this rate. Suppose we separate. There are two lists left; I will take one, and you the other. Then we will meet at the hotel at one o'clock, and compare notes over our luck. How will that do?"

"It will do very well, I think; so a second hack is called, and Jack and I start on our separate ways.

There is no use in dwelling upon all my disappointments; but at last—at last I find the very house which I have seen in my dreams. Small, snug, convenient, it is, I am convinced, the very place for us. Time is just up as I leave its door, and I drive to the meeting-place with a heart swelling with satisfaction, and a very decided hope in my mind that Jack has not been equally fortunate; not that I begrudge him any success, but this house suits so perfectly that I am quite sure no other can do as well, and the comparison and discussion between the two would only be so much time lost. My heart sinks at the sight of Jack's beaming face as he comes forward to help me out, and I am quite prepared for his first words.

"I have found the very place to suit us, Ethel."

"So have I," I say, faintly, but Jack does not stop to hear me.

"Just such a house as we decided upon—small and compact, yet with plenty of room for us in it."

"It can't suit as well as mine," I cry. "Mine has three good bedrooms on the second floor."

"So has mine," says Jack, and another little room besides, which I thought would make a capital den for me."

"Mine has a large, light closet, which will be just the thing for a store-room," I say.

"Mine is only five minutes' walk from the station," says Jack. "Just a convenient distance for me."

"Mine is some distance from the station, I am afraid," I say; "but the lady who lives there now, says that her son goes in and out every day. And oh! Jack, it is heavily shaded with trees, and there are no houses opposite—only fields sloping up to a little hill with a grove on it. Think what a change from brick houses!"

"My house has open fireplaces all through it," says Jack. "I looked out for that the first thing. No proper ventilation without open chimneys, you know!"

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Jack laughs. "We seem to have changed sides rather suddenly," he says, "and not to be much nearer to a settlement. I'll tell you what we will do. We have nearly an hour yet before the next train goes. I will tell your hackman to drive us to your house, and after we have seen that, we will go to mine. Then we can make up our minds, and write to the agent of the one we decide upon."

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The hackman takes us back by the way which I travelled before, and which I remember well. I am careful to point out all its beauties to Jack—the heavy trees which nearly meet overhead; the saucy little brook which rambles across the road under the mossy stone bridge; the pretty cottages standing in its own space of the greenery on one side of the street; the open fields on the other, which give the impression of air and space, for which I pine.

The house is reached at last, and Jack looks at it without saying a word.

"Isn't it a pretty shade of gray, Jack?" I ask, wistfully. "And those dark shutters, with their markings, make such a nice finish to it. But I know yours is much prettier," I add, with a magnanimity of which the effect is, I fear a little injured by a faint sigh.

"Gray is it?" said Jack. "I never was good at colors, you know; but—well, yes, it's very pretty. I like the shutters, too. Brown, you say they are? I never had an eye for colors, you know."

We enter the front door, and the lady—Mrs. Pierson I find her name to be, greets us smilingly.

"You have come to look at it together," she says. "That is much wiser. One can always see what the other overlooks."

"Yes," I say. "I liked it so much that I wanted my husband to see it too." But what further I would say is checked by the fact that Jack has turned into the open door of the parlor and calls to me.

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"And a grate, in case the furnace should not be enough," says Jack, looking about him.

"They have never been obliged to use it," I say eagerly.

"But it ventilates the room, all the same," says Jack. "The dining room is back, I suppose. Yes, a fine light room, such as I like."

"The kitchen is back of it," I say, separated by a short passage.

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Relating to Road Commissioner.

No subject has been more thoroughly discussed during the past two weeks, than the road commissioner question. Everyone has wondered, and guessed, and guessed, and wondered again, whether towns would be excused from electing a commissioner this year or not, but now the mystery seems pretty well solved. The following is the text of the bill which passed the Senate to be engrossed last Friday, and which will doubtless become a law upon our statute books before Saturday night.

AN ACT amendatory of, and additional to Chapter eighteen of the Revised Statutes, as amended by Chapter three hundred and twenty-nine of the Public Laws of eighteen hundred and ninety-seven, relating to the Repair of Highways.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows:

Section 1. Sections sixty, sixty-three and seventy-three of chapter eighteen of the revised statutes are hereby repealed.

Section 2. Towns may raise money for the repair of bridges and ways, and direct the same to be assessed as for town taxes, to be expended for the purpose by a road commissioner or by the selectmen as each town may determine.

Section 3. Each town at its annual meeting, may elect by ballot, a road commissioner who, under the direction of the selectmen, shall have charge of the repair of all highways and bridges within the town and shall have authority to employ the necessary men and teams, and purchase timber, plank and other material for the repair of highways and bridges. Said commissioner shall be sworn to the faithful discharge of his duty, give bonds to the satisfaction of the selectmen, and be responsible to them for the expenditure of money, and discharge of his duties generally. The compensation of said commissioner shall be such sum as the towns shall annually vote therefor, which sum shall, in no case be less than one dollar and fifty cents per day, of every day of actual service; and he shall render to the selectmen, monthly statements of his expenditures, and receive no money from the treasury except on order of selectmen.

Section 4. Sixty-five per cent of the highway taxes assessed shall be expended on the highways prior to the fifteenth day of July, and the balance at such time as the commissioner, or in case no commissioner is elected, as the selectmen deem the best good of the public.

Section 5. If a person elected as road commissioner fails to qualify before the first Monday in April, the office shall be deemed vacant, and shall be filled by the selectmen by appointment; and in the event of a vacancy caused by death or otherwise, the selectmen shall appoint some competent person to fill out the unexpired term, who shall qualify and perform his duties as prescribed by section four of this act. If the town fails to elect a road commissioner at its annual meeting, the money raised and assessed for the repair of bridges and ways as provided by section seventy of chapter eighteen of the revised statutes, as amended by chapter three hundred and twenty-nine of the public laws of eighteen hundred and ninety-seven, and as amended by this act, shall be expended for that purpose by the selectmen.

Section 6. Said commissioner shall keep accurate accounts, showing in detail, all moneys paid out by him, to whom and for what purpose; he shall settle his accounts on or before the twentieth day of February, annually, and the same shall be reported in the annual town report in detail. In case no commissioner is elected by a town at its annual meeting, the selectmen of said town shall keep accurate accounts showing in detail all moneys paid out by them for the repair of bridges and ways, to whom and for what purpose, and the same shall be reported in the annual town report in detail.

Section 7. Said commissioner shall hold his office for the term of one year from the date of his election.

Section 8. Any town may, at its own option, elect not more than three commissioners whose powers and duties shall be the same as prescribed for a single commissioner.

Section 9. This act shall take effect when approved.

Will the friends who are to furnish food for the Public Library dinner, next Monday, please leave the same at the hall as early as 11 o'clock, and oblige the committee.

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LOCAL NEWS.

Town meeting next Monday.
Miss Bertha Wiley is visiting in Portland.

Balance of winter stock of clothing, underwear, etc. selling very cheap to close out, at F. H. Noyes' Blue Store, Norway, Maine. It will pay you to buy now.

New spring Hats, Caps, Neckwear, Fancy Laundered Shirts, Best line ever shown in the county. All new and up-to-date, at F. H. Noyes', Norway, Maine.

The Literary Society held a very interesting meeting last Thursday afternoon, at the home of Miss Eva Bryant; the subject discussed was "Maine Authors"; a solo was rendered by Mrs. C. O. Foster.

Nancy P. Lowe, aged 87 years, daughter of Samuel Phelps, a Revolutionary soldier, and widow of Justice Lowe of Randolph, N. H., died Feb. 16, at the home of her nephew, O. M. Phelps, with whom she had lived for a number of years. Rev. J. W. Lewis conducted the funeral services.

About two weeks ago a party consisting of E. E. Whitney, L. L. Briggs, W. H. Hutchinson, Fred Farwell, Hiram Twitchell, E. S. Hammond, Scott Robertson, N. C. Dudley, Alphonso Hammond, John Heath, and Pearl Barker with their wood saws and horses, met at the wood pile of Mr. G. A. Burbank on Railroad street, and began to saw the big wood pile, unknown to him. A little past noon, Mr. Burbank, in a few well chosen words, expressed his thanks to those present, and then they departed for their homes feeling that they had done at least one more friendly act to their neighbor. Mr. Burbank has been unable to do but very little work the past few years on account of his confirmed lameness.

Thursday evening at the Universalist vestry, the Ladies' Circle gave "a pie supper." All kinds of pies, chicken, veal, pork, oyster, custard, pumpkin, cranberry, etc., were served in abundance, but nothing else was provided, excepting coffee. A large number were present and the receipts considerable. The supper was followed by an entertainment in the parlors, consisting of patriotic songs, recitations, etc. The rooms were prettily decorated with flags and bunting, and a large picture of Washington was conspicuously shown in the parlor, tastefully draped with the national colors. The exercises were commemorative of Washington's birthday. A marked improvement has been made in the interior arrangement of the second floor of the chapel connected with the church. The large doors formerly used between the audience room and the ladies' parlor, have been removed, and the opening enlarged so that the two rooms are virtually one, but large portieres have been hung in the spaces so that the rooms may be separated when desired. The change improves both the looks and utility of the chapel. Lack of room for entertainments was one of the necessities which called for this change.

The Ladies' Club paid its tribute to the memory of the great "Father of his Country" by a program arranged by the committee in charge, and carried out in a charming manner, at its meeting last week, with Mrs. F. B. Tuell. Mrs. Clark acted as chairman; Mrs. E. J. Barker gave a sketch of Washington's boyhood; Mrs. Gilbert Tuell spoke of him as the intrepid soldier, the great commander-in-chief; Mrs. Twaddle read a paper on Washington as a private citizen; and Mrs. Chandler considered him as President, facing the unsolved problems of that most critical period of American history; Miss Hattie Foster presented word pictures of Mary and Martha Washington; Mrs. Purington and Mrs. Bean gave some account of his contemporaries; Mrs. Gehring and Mrs. Herrick described Mr. Vernon, Washington's lordly home. Those to whom had been assigned these topics, were, by no means, the only ones who contributed to the pleasure and profit of the afternoon. Each subject called out general and animated expression of thought and feeling, and there was no lack of the characteristic conversation, now piquant now serious, now gay now grave, which constitutes the peculiar charm of a woman's club, and makes it, at least to an enthusiast for her sex, one of the most delightful and inspiring things in the world. The afternoon closed with a sympathetic reading by Miss Ruby Clark, of Whittier's great Ode to Washington.

Mr. W. A. Bunting was in town Saturday evening.

Mr. Leslie Mason returned to Woodford's Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Emery were in Portland Saturday.

The W. C. T. U. will meet with Mrs. Varley next Tuesday afternoon.

Miss Hattie Johnson of Berlin, N. H., is visiting Miss Angie Chapman.

The Ladies' Club will meet with Mrs. J. G. Gehring Thursday afternoon.

Mrs. L. Valentine has gone to Norway to visit her sister, Mrs. Bean.

Mrs. Fred P. Chandler and children, spent Sunday with Mrs. Chandler's parents.

Miss Ethel Richardson is visiting friends and relatives in Norway.

Miss Joan Stearns is in Boston, taking lessons in voice culture and vocal music.

Alonso Chapman wishes the boys to know that he wants fifty rabbits at once.

Miss Edith Grover is in Portland taking a course of shorthand and typewriting at a business college.

Carpenters have the entire right of way at the store of Hastings Bros. A new hardwood floor is being laid.

The best way to avoid sickness is to keep yourself healthy by taking Hood's Sarsaparilla, the great blood purifier.

The Columbian Club held a very interesting meeting at the home of Mrs. J. C. Billings Friday afternoon. Papers of much interest were read upon the artists studied.

Five new members were taken into the United Order of American Mechanics last night. Mr. Lakin returned from West Paris where he instituted a council, last Friday night, and assisted in the degree work. Those wishing to enter as charter members should do so at our next meeting, Mar. 14, as the charter will be closed at that time and thereafter the expense of joining will be much more.

The Bethel Federation of Clubs met at the home of Mrs. Wiley, Tuesday afternoon. This being the annual meeting, the following officers were elected: Miss Annie Cross who has served the Federation so acceptably for two years, declined re-election. Mrs. G. R. Wiley, president; Mrs. L. Pratt, vice president, Universalist club; Mrs. D. Hastings, vice president, Methodist club; Mrs. J. U. Purington, Congregationalist; Mrs. G. P. Bean, Columbian Club; Mrs. O. M. Mason, W. C. T. U.; Mrs. H. H. Bean, secretary; Mrs. Bisbee, treasurer.

The trustees and lady friends of Bethel, will serve dinner as usual, town meeting day, for the benefit of the Public Library, and it is the earnest desire that the citizens generally, will come to the assistance of this worthy object. A good public library is something that every citizen should be proud of, something that he should be heartily interested in, as one of the helps of the town in the line of general progress. It is a poor town these days, that does not support a public library of some kind. Now as to support. The committee have been deprived of the usual source of income this winter, because of the prevailing malady that has visited nearly every home. Now that there is to be a way provided at Odeon hall next Monday for those who desire refreshments, will the friends please patronize the provision made, and do a double deed of kindness to themselves and to the cause represented.

Programs are being prepared at this office for what promises to be one of the richest musical treats that Bethel has enjoyed for a long time. The singing class of Rev. J. W. Lewis has been in training for two months past, and Mr. Lewis will give a grand closing concert at Odeon hall, Monday evening, March 13. He will be assisted by the best musical talent in the town. Besides a number of choice choruses, anthems, and glee by the chorists, there will be some fine specialities in the way of vocal and instrumental solos, duets, trios, and quartets. Among the special talent will be Miss Jane Gibson, Miss Nellie Frost, the Misses Carter, and Prof. Scott Wight. Miss Hall, piano accompanist, Miss Ruth King piano soloist; Miss Addie Gordon, pianist for the class; Miss Maud Mayo, elocutionist. Mr. J. R. Lewis will render a violin solo accompanied by Miss King. Mr. J. W. Lewis and son, Howard, will sing a duet. The complete program will be announced in due time.

Special Regulations for Better Control of Infectious Diseases.

The local Board of Health desire to call attention to the following: Under authority conferred by Section 1, Chapter 305, Laws of 1898, it is hereby ordered by the State Board of Health that, until further notice, it shall be the duty of every householder and physician to report immediately to the local board of health within whose jurisdiction such cases arise, every case of chicken-pox, varioloid, small-pox, or other eruptive diseases, in order that such inspection of said cases may be made as seems to the local board or to the State Board of Health to be necessary for the better protection of the public from infectious diseases.

Any person who shall neglect or refuse to obey these regulations shall be subject to the penalties provided by Section 3, Chapter 305, Laws of 1898, namely, "a fine of not more than \$500, or by imprisonment in the county jail for a period of not more than six months, or by both fine and imprisonment in the discretion of the court."

Adopted February 9, 1899.
[Signed.]
CHAS. D. SMITH, M. D., President
FRANKLIN C. ROBINSON, M. D., Vice President
G. M. WOODCOCK, M. D., A. G. SMITH, M. D., A. G. YOUNG, M. D., Secretary.
State Board of Health.

Letter to E. C. Park, Esq., Bethel.

Dear Sir: What would be the result of selling poor paint with this guarantee?
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That means pay damages, don't it?

Here's another guarantee:
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Yours truly,
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Card of Thanks.

We wish to thank our friends for so kindly assisting us in the care of our mother and sister in her last illness and death, also the Epworth League and neighbors for the beautiful flowers. Will Rev. and Mrs. Lewis accept our earnest thanks for the music rendered? "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

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Our House-Hunting.

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tively in the same channel, and all that. Let me see your list?"

I hand him the list, and running his eye down it, he says: "Ah, yes, I see. The Ogilby house—the same name is on my list. They have given the house to two agents. Under the circumstances they ought to toss up for the commission. Well, Ethel, I suppose the best thing that we can do is to take both houses, and be sure of being suited. Really, it is the best joke I ever heard of."

And he goes off into another fit of laughter, in which, after a moment's hesitation, I join.

"When did you find it out first?" I ask at last.

"Not certainly until I saw Mrs. Pierson's face," says Jack regarding his gravity with an effort. "We approached it by a different way, which threw me off the track. I thought the house looked familiar, as we drove up to it, but I have seen so many to-day that I could not be quite sure."

"I thought your house was so near the station," I hazard. And Jack replies:

"So it is. Your driver took you by a round-about way, and besides there is a short cut for foot-passengers. The best of all this is, you know, that it inspires us with absolute confidence in each other's judgment. Hereafter, I shall confide my affairs in your hands with infinite certainty, Ethel, and you, of course, will do the same by me."

"Except in the matter of matching colors," I say laughing. "I should hardly like you to select the trimming of a brown dress for me, for instance."

"Well," says Jack, "if you trust me in all the rest, I think I can safely leave you to select your own gowns.—Harper's Bazar."

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TOWN MEETING

usually comes once a year, and if you own a good watch it should be cleaned about once a year in order to keep it in good condition. Would you let a carriage run a year without oil, and would it be in good condition at the end of that time? How much more, then, does such a delicate machine as a watch, need oiling. Call and let me clean and oil your watch. Good work at a fair price.

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FOR THE GARDEN.

Two Vegetables Somewhat Out of the Ordinary Line.

Among other good things of the earth which should be but are not in every farmer's garden a writer in The Orange Judd Farmer places kohlrabi and brussels sprouts, of which he discourses as follows: The one should precede and the other follow cauliflower and broccoli. Kohlrabi, if rightly managed, will fill the gap between early and medium peas. As it is a quick growing crop a constant succession may be had throughout the season. The bulbs are ready for use when about the size of a fair sized onion. On the contrary an entire season is spent in this latitude to perfect brussels sprouts. This vegetable from the English point of view is the elite of the cabbage tribe. Few plants adhere more rigidly to the calendar. The heads, which are something under a golf ball in size, are never ready for use before November. To be up to that date the seed must be planted early in May. I read somewhere that June was early enough for sowing the seed, consequently when I last saw the fine row of plants in my garden (before the blizzard of Nov. 36) they were pretty much all brussels and no sprout. Only one meager gleaming had whetted our appetites for this really delicious vegetable.

For hardness they excel all other known vegetables, keeping through the winter in outhouses where everything else would be ruined. As a market crop they hold their own.

The slow growing popularity of vegetables out of the ordinary line is due, I think, somewhat to the supposed difficulty of growth, but more largely to the fact that horticulture and vegetable cookery do not, as they should, go hand in hand. There are a dozen fine meat and poultry cooks to one who can do justice to the wealth of the garden. Kohlrabi, for instance, has the consistency of a turnip, with the flavor of a cauliflower, but is a poor substitute for a good turnip, if cooked like one. Specific directions for both vegetables are as follows:

Kohlrabi.—Pare, slice thin, boil in salted water until tender (about 30 minutes), serve with cream sauce. Kohlrabi may also be used as salad, with mayonnaise dressing.

Brussels Sprouts.—Peel off the outer coating of leaves, soak for a time in salted water, boil tender and serve with drawn butter.

It is a curious fact that the disagreeable odor arising from the boiling of this class of vegetables increases in intensity from the malodorous cabbage to the Englishman's ideal, reaching the sublime in the brussels sprout, the most delicately flavored of all. Much of this feature may be obviated by the use of a small oil stove on a piazza or anywhere where it can be screened from the wind. A good steamer may also be used to advantage.

Important Varieties of Tomatoes.

"The first point of importance in the successful growing of the tomato crop is the selection of varieties, and while a number are recommended by seedsmen as 'the best,' no one variety fulfills the idea of 'best' for all localities. This is mainly owing to differences in the climate, season and character of the soil, as well as the demands of the different markets. The best early varieties, owing to the comparatively short time during which attention has been given to the matter of their development, doubtless belong to the same strain," says Professor E. B. Vorhees of New Jersey in a paper on the varieties of tomatoes. From this list varieties most suitable for the different localities may be selected, the order in which they are named having particular significance: Livingston Beauty, Dwarf Champion, Maine Imperial, Extra Early Richmond, Improved Trophy, Mikado, Early Beauty, New Stone, Early Jersey, Matchless, Perfection, Truckee Favorite, Atlantic Prize, Fordhook, Acme, Table Queen, Stone.

Professor Vorhees states that the chief difficulty in the matter of varieties is that the earlier sorts as a rule do not possess the best market qualities—that is, solidity of flesh and smoothness. They are too frequently irregular in outline and possess large seed cavities.

How to Make Glycerin Balsam.
Take one ounce each of white wax and spermaceti, half a pound of almond oil, two ounces of glycerin and a quarter of a dram of attar of roses.

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How to Make Chilled Salve.

Procure a beef bone that contains a good deal of marrow; remove this marrow in a jar set in boiling water. When melted, strain and allow to cool. Then mix in the following proportions: Two ounces of white wax, four ounces of beef marrow and four ounces of Venice turpentine. Cut up the fat, set them with the turpentine in a jar of boiling water and melt over the fire. When liquid, stir in four ounces of sweet oil and pour into small jars or molds in which the salve can be stored for future use.

How to Escape Colds.

Colds can be arrested much easier than is generally supposed. With persons whose vital forces are vigorous colds are almost entirely due to carelessness. It is important that the feet be kept warm and dry and that the chest and abdomen be well protected. Colds should be taken to avoid exposure when the stomach is empty. This is especially necessary. Warm flannels and woollens should be worn. Breathing through the nose should be practiced, and drafts should be strictly avoided. Young people who dance seem particularly careless about drafts. Then, the head should be kept dry. Do not wet the hair before going into the open air. Any one careless about these little things will not be troubled with colds.

How to Make Leek Soup.

Put into two quarts of boiling water half a dozen parboiled potatoes, four ounces of bread, two ounces of dripping and two pounds of sliced leeks. Boil for an hour, then add four ounces of washed rice. Boil all together for another hour. This is very inexpensive and nourishing, especially if stock be substituted for the water.

How to Treat a Black Eye.

Before discoloration has set in cold compresses or evaporating lotions should be used. These will reduce the swelling and limit the subsequent discoloration. If seen after the discoloration is fully developed, hot compresses and massage are required. The affected portion is smeared over with vasoline and rubbed for ten minutes several times a day. By means of frequent massage and continuous hot applications the discoloration may be almost entirely removed within 24 hours.

How to Make Rice Cream.

Soak one-half cup well washed rice in a quart of milk overnight. In the morning add one-third cup of sugar, one-half spoonful salt and bake two hours, stirring often. Eat hot or cold.

How to Harden Tender Feet.

For tired and tender feet nothing is better than to bathe the feet and legs from five to eight minutes in hot water in which has been dissolved a handful of good sea salt. Rub briskly with a coarse towel and apply slices of lemon to the sides of the feet.

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TRAINS FROM ISLAND POND TO PORTLAND RUN AS FOLLOWS:			
Island Pond,	A.M. P.M.	1.15	
Gorham,	2.40	8.10	1.15
Gilead,	3.30	9.00	2.15
West Bethel,	4.15	9.45	3.15
Bethel,	5.15	10.45	4.15
Locke's Mills,	6.15	11.45	5.15
Bryant Pond,	7.15	12.45	6.15
South Paris,	8.15	1.45	7.15
Portland,	9.15	2.45	8.15

TRAINS FROM PORTLAND TO ISLAND POND RUN AS FOLLOWS:			
Portland,	A.M. P.M.	6.00	
South Paris,	8.10	1.30	6.00
Bryant Pond,	9.10	2.30	7.00
Locke's Mills,	10.10	3.30	8.00
Bethel,	11.10	4.30	9.00
West Bethel,	12.10	5.30	10.00
Gilead,	1.10	6.30	11.00
Gorham,	2.10	7.30	12.00
Island Pond,	3.10	8.30	1.00

Sunday paper train leaves Portland going west at 8:30 a. m. South Paris 10:15, Bryant Pond 10:51, Locke's Mills 10:59, Bethel 11:10, West Bethel 10:20, Gilead 11:34, Gorham 12:00, arriving in Portland 12:25.

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PROBATE NOTICES.

To all persons interested in either of the Estates named:

A's Probate Court, held at Paris, in and for the County of Oxford, on the third Tuesday of February, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven, the following matter having been presented for the said Court to be held at said Paris, on the third Tuesday of March, A. D. 1897, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, and to be heard there of if they so cause.

That notice be given to all persons interested, by causing a copy of this notice to be published three weeks successively in the Bethel News newspaper published at Bethel, in said County, that they may appear at a Probate Court to be held at said Paris, on the third Tuesday of March, A. D. 1897, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, and to be heard there of if they so cause.

ENOCH W. WOODBURY, late of Bethel, deceased; will and estate, and petition for probate thereof presented by Webster Woodbury and Wesley K. Woodbury the executors therein named.

ISAAC C. HEATH, late of Bethel, deceased; petition for the appointment of E. C. Pack as administrator presented by E. C. Pack, J. L. Farwell, a creditor.

SEWARD S. STEARNS, Judge of said Court, A True Copy—Attest:
ALBERT D. PARK, Register.

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ASSETS, DEC. 31, 1898.

Real estate owned by the company, 307,650.83

Loans on bond and mortgage (first

trusts), 810,890.97

Stocks and bonds owned by the

company, 2,838,332.00

Loans secured by collateral, 0.00

Cash in company's principal office

and in bank, 260,834.01

Interest due and accrued, 0.00

Franchise fee, 425,689.92

Aggregate of all the admitted

assets of the company at their

actual value, 4,642,499.73

LIABILITIES, DEC. 31, 1898.

Net amount of unpaid losses and

claims, 192,531.50

Amount required to satisfy re-in-

sure all outstanding risks, 1,732,410.30

All other demands against the com-

pany, viz: commissions, etc., 167,859.88

Total amount of liabilities, except

capital stock and net surplus, 2,132,791.68

Capital actually paid up in cash, 1,000,000.00

Surplus beyond capital, 1,132,791.68

Aggregate amount of liabilities

including net surplus, 4,642,499.73

W. J. Wheeler & Co., Agents,
39-41 South Paris, Maine.

COUNTY NEWS.

OTHER COUNTY NEWS ON PAGE FOUR.

NORWAY.

C. H. Adams has been making repairs on the interior of his house during the past week.

Many are taking advantage of the free vaccination offer as published by our Health Board.

Ray Bradbury and B. B. Pottle started for Lynn, Mass., Thursday, where they have good positions, cutting shoes.

Fred P. Chandler has been sent back from this station to his former place at So. Paris. Mr. Penfold occupies the office here.

The town reports for 1898-9 are now among the voters. These reports are clear, concise, and neatly printed, being from the Advertiser Electric Print.

Merritt Welsh, manager of the Norway Mineral Spring Water Company, has a large display of the water in his store window.

The analysis taken in 1896, shows the fluid to be strictly pure, and a good article for the trade, which is daily increasing.

The noticeable features about last Sunday's services in the Congregational church were the large congregation, fine sermon, unusually pleasing music by the chorus choir of 14 voices, and an attendance of 125 at the Sunday School.

MASON.

Our thaw was short and sweet. The warrant is up for town meeting.

Marion Bean is visiting her uncle, A. G. Bean in Albany.

Fred Wheeler of Grover Hill, Bethel, visited his sister Minnie, Sunday.

John Lord, of South Albany, was in town last Saturday, looking for cows.

Leroy Morgan, wife and daughter, of Bethel, visited at Addison Bean's, the past week.

The State Board of Health are desirous that all should avail themselves of free vaccination, as small pox is prevalent in the State.

Bill Grover has returned home from the woods, where he has been working for George A. and Albert Grover on Sparrowhawk mountain.

BRYANT POND.

The primary school closes this week.

Frank Dunham, is at work for Dr. Yates at West Paris.

Miss Myrtle Bacon is sick, from the effects of vaccination.

Miss Ina Walker of Lewiston, is with her sister, Mrs. Byron Bryant.

Miss Bertha Cushman is expected home this week, from Farmington.

Harry Day, who is attending Nichols Latin School in Lewiston, is at home.

Miss Mabel Perkins, teacher in grammar school, has been ill for a week with the grip.

Byron Bryant is dangerously ill with pneumonia. Drs. Hill and Carrol are attending him.

Mrs. George Davis of Auburn, is here taking care of her mother, Mrs. Thomas Ricker, who is very feeble.

Beauty is Blood Deep.

Clean blood means a clean skin. No beauty without it. Cascarets, Candy Cathartic, clean your blood and keep it clean, by stirring up the lazy liver and driving all impurities from the body. Begin to-day to banish pimples, boils, blotches, blackheads, and that sickly bilious complexion by taking Cascarets—beauty for ten cents. All druggists, satisfaction guaranteed. 10c, 25c, 50c.

Fred Bean and wife of East Bethel, and Minot Davis and wife of West Paris, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Davis, Sunday.

BROWNFIELD.

A large Rebekah lodge was instituted here last week, with over 80 charter members.

Mrs. Julia Bean is stopping with the family of E. B. Bean, during the rest of the winter.

Herbert Swan, son of Charles Swan, is reported as critically ill, and his family are quite worried on this account.

Byron Braden has opened a stable at the Central house stables for training young horses, and is having good success.

The college building to be erected in honor of Admiral Dewey, is to be located at Northfield, Vt., the present location of Norwich University—it was formerly located at Norwich, Vt.

Business of all kinds is very quiet here, but many are sick with colds or grippes. J. L. French, Esq., is not yet able to leave his room. The family of Fred Thayer is mending slowly.

The meat shop burglary here, a few days ago was soon brought to light, and the parties owned up, paid for stolen goods, pled for mercy, and promised good behavior in the future.

The selectmen of the town are rather late in presenting their report for the year 1899, as it has just been put in the hands of the printer. Mr. Samuel Durgin is to be retained another year to superintend the town farm.

Have been looking about town to find where the drug store of Dr. Alvord was located, reported in the News as burned, last week. It certainly is not in the Centre Village, at East Brownfield, "New Boston" or West Brownfield, and I think we shall suffer no \$3000 loss as stated.

GILEAD.

Milan Bennett, who has been attending school at Norway, is now at the home of his father, E. R. Bennett.

Mr. Dan H. McDonald is enjoying a visit from one of his brothers who has been in Bangor most of the winter.

We hope soon to hear that Mrs. J. W. Kimball, who now sits up but little, has regained her customary health and strength.

We understand that Mr. Holmes closed his labors as manager at the Tavern, and returned to his home last Tuesday. Mrs. Campbell, from Lewiston, is now the cook.

Mr. Charles Cole left on the early train last Saturday morning, for a short visit to his home in Raymond. During his absence, Mr. John Arnold, Mr. J. W. Bennett's other efficient clerk, will have much extra work to perform.

HASTINGS.

Fred Garneau was in Shelburne over Sunday.

Arthur Barker of Chatham was in town last week.

Chas. Bemis and wife of Gilead, visited in town, Sunday.

Mrs. F. B. Coffin and son Earl, visited in Gilead recently.

Arthur Cobb and family, occupy the rent over the store.

Louis Goodwin, who has been millwright here for a number of years, has gone away.

SOUTH PARIS.

The High school closed last Friday for a vacation of two weeks.

Miss Florence Richardson and Miss Lura Sweet of Milton, who have been attending the High school in this place, returned home last Saturday.

Dr. Horatio Woodbury vaccinated fifty persons, here, last Thursday, and has done the same for a similar number each day for the past two weeks.

Mr. Chas. Vollair's dramatic company played here last week to several good sized audiences who warmly applauded the strong plays presented. This troupe will play a return engagement sometime in April.

Mr. W. H. Winchester, who keeps a confectionery store in Market square, gave a very interesting photographic concert in his shop, last Saturday evening.

Mr. Winchester is agent for a well known photograph company, and anyone desiring to hire or purchase one of these highly amusing machines, would do well to call.

The pupils of the High school held a very interesting lyceum last Wednesday. The program is as follows:

Scripture Reading, President Prayer, Rev. B. J. Haughton Singing, Quartette Report of Secretary, Harry Swan Declaration, Grace Wheeler Vocal Solo, Chas. Spofford Quotations from Bryant, Senior Class Debate—Resolved, that there be no distribution of real estate by will, but an equal distribution by law.

Miss Sweet, Miss Stevens, Mr. Spofford, Mr. Stuart, RECESS.

Latin Colloquies, Wendell Rounds Wand Drill, Seven young ladies Singing Trio, Messrs. Spofford, Swan and Gerrish Voted to adjourn to some indefinite date.

Reverends L. A. Bean, T. J. Ramsdell, and R. J. Haughton, the judges of the debate, gave their decision in favor of the negative.

GRAFTON.

Julian and Ernest Farrar were in Bethel, last week.

Daisy Brooks is working at Newry Corner, for Mrs. Frank Bisbee.

Gladys Davis and the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Muse, have been very ill, but at this writing are some better.

Mrs. G. A. Otis has returned from Magalloway, where she has been during the illness of her son, Will. We are glad to hear that he is much better.

School closed last week, after a successful term of twelve weeks, taught by Blanche Adams. Berto A. Brooks has attended school every day the past eight terms of school taught here. He is nine years old and lives one mile from the school house.

RUMFORD.

Annie Abbott gets through work at J. H. Estes' this week.

H. L. Elliott and wife were at E. F. Elliott's, Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Osgood and Guy Stevens have returned to Boston.

Mrs. Nettie Lord and son, visited Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Stevens, last week.

NORTH NORWAY.

Miss Sarah Holt is staying at M. I. Holt's at present.

Wood piles are being worked up with celerity, now.

No new cases of grip, and sick ones all convalescent.

Several attended the Hall vs. Wood trial at So. Paris the 17th.

Harry Greenleaf is buying and shipping potatoes. He pays 40 a bushel.

Our school, after a successful term of 10 weeks, taught by Addie Titcomb, has closed.

Mrs. S. J. Shedd has gone to Bridgton to take care of her daughter, Mrs. Darwin.

WEST LOVELL.

Miss Mertie Grey has been at home the past week for a much needed rest. She has been at work for J. Walter Fox.

School closed in Foxboro district Feb. 24. The closing exercises consisted of recitations, and a treat of pop corn, candy and peanuts from the teacher.

Edward W. Laroque, youngest son of Alex and Lorina Laroque, was fatally injured Feb. 23 at North Chatham, by being caught in the shafting, in S. H. Harman's mill. He was badly bruised and his ribs and limbs broken, and one arm severed from his body. He was carried to the boarding house, and lived about one half hour. His remains were brought to his home the 25, where the funeral services were held. The house was filled with sympathizing friends. Rev. Mr. Gundell conducted the services. Edward was a bright, active child, an idol of the family, and his death almost prostrated his parents.

For La Grippe.

Thomas Whitefield & Co., 249 Wabash-ave., corner Jackson st., one of Chicago's oldest and most prominent druggists, recommend Chamberlain's cough remedy for la grippe, as it not only gives a prompt and complete relief, but also any tendency of la grippe to result in pneumonia. For sale by G. R. Wiley, and W. H. Crockett, Locke's Mills.

TO CURE FROSTBITES.

How to Treat Chills and Frozen Ears and Fingers.

A timely word to parents who permit their children to engage in winter sports. Frozen or frostbitten hands, feet, nose or ears are easily got and as easily cured if you know how; otherwise the results are most serious. This condition is brought about by the contraction of the cutaneous vessels and is the result of only slight cold. The chilled parts become very pale. After the first contraction there follows a dilatation of the vessels throughout the affected area, which takes on a deep red color. Swelling develops, and there is a itching or burning sensation. Severe pain may occur when the frozen parts are too rapidly warmed. The redness may disappear in a few days, but not infrequently it recurs. Paralysis of the blood vessels may remain throughout life. Chills from repeated slight freezing of the fingers and toes and frequently attack persons who have to daily change from hot to cold atmospheres. Women and pale people are more susceptible to mild degrees of freezing than those who are robust. Frostbite is the blood supply alone. When blisters appear and there is a continued absence of sensation, say for two or three days, in the frozen parts, the case is very severe, and gangrene is likely to result. I have amputated fingers, hands and even legs because of freezing and the continued lack of proper medical attention.

In ordinary mild cases of freezing treatment may be efficiently administered at home. Bear in mind that the affected part should not be warmed too rapidly, but should be bathed in snow or ice water for a few minutes, then wrapped in wet cloths. The patient should then be gradually warmed. If this does not bring relief, by all means call a physician. Predisposed people should keep their hands and feet well wrapped to avoid chills. Ordinarily when these are present, cold applications bring relief.—Dr. John Dean in St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

How to Make Turkey Nests.

Cook one tablespoon of chopped onion and a dessertspoon of chopped carrot in two spoons of butter for five minutes; add a heaping tablespoon of flour and half a cup of stock. When thick and smooth, simmer for five minutes. Season with half teaspoon salt and saltspoon of pepper. Add cup of diced or chopped turkey and set aside for a few minutes. Turn out on grassed platter, sprinkle with buttered crumbs, make five depressions and in each drop an egg. Sprinkle the egg with a few crumbs and place in oven until the whites are set.

How to Pronounce Spanish.

Those who are ambitious to pronounce Spanish names correctly in the Spanish way can accomplish such pronunciation without much difficulty if they will remember to observe certain rules.

Every letter in a Spanish word is sounded and the accent in most words falls upon the last syllable. The letters are always pronounced in the same manner. "A" has the sound of the English "a" in far. "B" is sounded as in shell, "C" as in bill, "G" as the first "G" in hollow, "H" like "oo" in too. Of the consonants "H" is nearly silent, "C" is hard like the English "k," except before "E" and "I" when it has the sound of "

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The Eastern Argus, which will soon reach the century mark, daily maintaining the position it has won as the leading Democratic paper of Maine and the strong unwavering exponent of Jeffersonian principles. Broad in its views, aggressive against wrong, universal in its information and clean in character, it is welcome in thousands of Maine homes and the sphere of its influence is constantly extending. This is due to the fact that the Argus is a modern newspaper, "up to date" in all its departments. Its general news service includes the fullest telegraphic and cable dispatches. Its local and State news cover throughout the Eastern States, the whole State; its market and ship news reports are unequalled in Maine. The circulation of the Argus is greater than it has ever been before and the coming year promises a large increase. Great questions and new horizons are looming up before the American people. The Argus will keep its people in closer touch with the national life than ever before, and to the end it will seek to give all the news, while it will be enriched by all the attractive features that have made it one of the brightest and best of the New England papers.

The mechanical facilities of the Argus Office for producing a first-class paper were never so perfect as they are to-day, and embrace the latest improvements, including a complete outfit for artistic illustration by the Argus's own artist. In short, it is an organization which will be spared the coming year to maintain the standing of the Argus in the front rank of New England newspapers.

WEEKLY ARGUS.
The Weekly Argus will keep up its old time reputation as a family newspaper, giving careful attention to the markets and ship news reports. Subscribers to the Weekly Argus are entitled to the Saturday edition of the Daily Argus. This practically makes the Weekly a semi-weekly and gives the subscriber a large volume of news for a small amount of money.

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The Daily Argus is sent for 50 cents per month, or \$5.00 per year in advance, and \$7.00 at end of year, free of postage. The Weekly Argus, including Saturday Edition, is sent at these rates:—One copy, one year, free of postage, \$1.50 in advance or \$2.00 at the end of the year. Clubs of 10, free of postage, \$10.00 in advance.

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LESSONS OF SIBERIA.

How Prince Kropotkin Lost Faith in State Discipline.

The years that I spent in Siberia taught me many lessons which I could hardly have learned elsewhere, says Prince Kropotkin in the February Atlantic. I began to understand not only men and human character, but also the inner springs of the life of human society. The constructive work of the unknown masses appeared before my eyes in its full import. To witness, for instance, the ways in which the communists of Dzhukobsk migrated to the Amur region, to see the immense advantages which they got from their semicommercial brotherly organization and to realize what a wonderful success their colonization was amid all the failures of state colonization was learning something which cannot be learned from books. Again, to live with natives, to see at work all the complex forms of social organization which they have elaborated for away from the influence of any civilization, was, as it were, to store up floods of light which illuminated my subsequent reading. The next weeks of the unknown masses play in the accomplishment of all important historical events and even in war became evident to me from direct observation, and I came to hold ideas similar to those which Tolstoy expresses in his monumental work, "War and Peace."

How to Make Hair Tonic. Take a small quantity of rosemary, strip the leaves from the stalks and place them in a jar with nearly half a pint of cold water. Boil the jar in a water bath for an hour or two without setting or burning. When the water is somewhat reduced, the infusion will be sufficiently strong. Add half a pint of brandy and strain the liquid from the leaves and keep it in a bottle ready for use. Apply to the roots of the hair with a small sponge or piece of flannel.

How to Broil Herring. Lay them in a dish of ice cold water for a few minutes, then put them on a broiler over the coals or under a gas flame. Broil them on both sides quickly and two or three times while cooking. Lay carefully and dip in the cold water. Serve with creamed hashed potatoes.

How to Candy Nuts. Boil over a hot fire one cup of granulated sugar, one-eighth of a teaspoonful of cream of tartar and three-fourths of a cup of water. Do not stir after boiling. When the mixture is thick and stringy, drop the nuts in and boil for a few minutes. Remove the nuts and dip them in the sirup and drop upon oiled paper.

"JUMBLED"
Among the many symptoms of eye defect none is more trying than that delicate one, and none more alarming to those familiar with the eye and its ailments, than is that condition where the eyes become "jumbled" at close range. At times clear and distinct; at times blurred and wavering. This is usually a condition brought about by long abuse of the eyes, and is a timely warning that the eyes have almost reached the limit of endurance.

"RUN INTO ANOTHER."
Did you ever notice when reading, especially at night, how the letters "run into one another"? Close your eyes a moment; draw on the RESERVE FUND of your nervous energy; the letters "brace up" and you read again with ease. A moment later come another call for more nerve force. Why not let glasses do this work and use the wasted nervous power to relieve headache, indigestion or dyspepsia?

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Life's Greatest foe.
It is Consumption, but it and other diseases may be avoided.

Of all the foes to human life consumption has the most terrible record. It is claimed that one death among adults of every seven is due to this disease and that in every three is afflicted with it at some period of life. But though the cure of consumption in its advanced stages is impossible, if not impossible, it can be checked and perhaps entirely controlled by wisely directed efforts on the part of individuals and by the action of the State.

Mr. J. H. Hale says that the cooling moist has done greater injury to the fruit crops of Massachusetts than the San Jose scale ever would, and the bugs, fungus, etc., show that nature has no use for a lazy man.

It is estimated that there are 45,000 acres on the Pacific coast devoted to olive orchards.

S. D. Willard is reported in Orange Judd Farmer as calling the apricot a misnamed fruit. The tree, he says, such as Moorpark, give but little fruit, and the new Japanese kinds are productive and quite satisfactory in New York, and he thinks would do well in New England and other parts of the country.

Secretary Dr. D. E. Fennell vice president, and F. H. Newell secretary of the American Forestry association for the ensuing year.

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NEW PLUMS.

Poor Choice and Tested Varieties Detested by Luther Burbank.

Luther Burbank of California, who began his work by originating the Burbank potato while living in his native state of Massachusetts, has made a lasting mark in American horticulture as the originator of new fruits and flowers. Professor Van Daman has recently given an interesting sketch in The Rural New Yorker of Mr. Burbank and some of his remarkable achievements, from which the following in regard to late work with plums is reproduced:

Some of his choicest new plums, that have been under test sufficiently long to warrant being sent out, are shown in the cut. All of these are new, and three of them have never before been publicly mentioned so far as I know.

Royal is the result of a cross made by using pollen of Simon upon one of the Botoms. It is about the largest plum I have ever seen, except the Kelsey. The shape is oval and quite regular. The color is a deep, reddish purple, very rich looking and attractive. The flesh is yellow and firm until fully ripe, when it becomes soft and juicy. It is almost a freestone. The flavor is a pleasant subacid, with a peculiar aroma that is deliciously refreshing. The quality is much better than that of any early plum I know and is good even when any kind of it ripens before Willard or Red June.

Bartlett, another variety, is a cross of Simon upon Delaware. Its size is medium, large and the shape peculiar. It is decidedly heart shaped with a distinct suture on one side. The color is a dull purplish red. The flesh is yellowish and soft when fully ripe. The stone is large and long. Its flavor is very peculiar, being like that of the Bartlett pear, hence the name. The quality is very good to best, which, with its earliness (it ripens July 26, at Santa Rosa), productiveness and vigor of tree, ought to place it well in the scale.

Chalco is a seedling of Burbank pollenized by Simon and resembles the Simon in shape, which is flat, but is larger and very much more in quality. It is a decided heart shape with a distinct suture on one side. The color is a dull purplish red. The flesh is yellowish and soft when fully ripe. The stone is large and long. Its flavor is very peculiar, being like that of the Bartlett pear, hence the name. The quality is very good to best, which, with its earliness (it ripens July 26, at Santa Rosa), productiveness and vigor of tree, ought to place it well in the scale.

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FARM-FIELD AND GARDEN

PROTECTING THE PEACH.
Experiments That Add to the Possibilities of Peach Culture.

A number of methods of winter protection of peach trees have been tried at the Missouri station during several years past. Drawing the branches together, surrounding the top with cornstalks and binding the whole into a bundle have given good results. This is not in accord with results of very similar methods tried at the Massachusetts Hatch and Illinois stations. The protected trees blossomed two days later and remained in bloom several days longer than those not protected. About 80 per cent of the protected fruit buds were uninjured as against only 20 per cent of the unprotected ones. Some of the trees were uncovered at blossoming time, others later, one tree being left until three weeks after blossoming. Fruit set well under the cover except in the extreme top where the buds were bound tightly together. For young trees this covering was about as effective and as easily applied as whitewash, but for old trees it cannot be readily used.

Shading trees with canvas has proved to be equal to the preceding methods in effectiveness and with young trees the expense was about the same as spraying with whitewash, but it is thought that the amount of canvas required makes the method too expensive for old trees.

Covering trees with temporary board sheds proved the most effective of the methods tried at the station, but the expense of this was so great as to make its use impracticable under ordinary circumstances. The expense of putting up and taking down the sheds and the cost of lumber, estimating it to last ten years, amounted to \$1.00 per tree per year. These trees protected were not injured by either the cold of winter or the winds of spring. In 1897 the trees protected by sheds blossomed four to five days later than the unprotected ones, but in blossom longer and set much more fruit than any other trees in the station orchard. At the Missouri station whitening the trees on account of their cheapness and beneficial effects is considered the most promising method of winter protection. Whether this treatment will prove equally beneficial in other parts of the country can be determined only by trial. Much will depend on the cause of injury. It is evident that where winter killing is due to severe freezing alone the use of whitewash will be of no appreciable advantage since it is used to protect trees against cold weather, but rather against warm weather, and thus prevent growth during warm periods of winter and delay it in spring.

In connection with methods of protection against cold any means of securing the maturity of the wood of the trees in the fall will be useful, since the thoroughly matured wood is less liable to injury than wood which is not well matured. In some localities it is necessary to keep the trees in good soil and fall in order to check growth and cause the wood to ripen. Care must also be exercised in the use of fertilizers. A too free use of nitrogenous fertilizers tends to induce a succulent growth of wood and to retard its maturity.

In commenting upon these methods of winter protection the department of agriculture expresses the opinion that probably none of them will make possible the culture of the more tender varieties of peaches in rigorous climates, but with hardy varieties to begin with the use of some means of protection will probably add much to the possibilities of peach culture in many parts of the country.

Success With Native Fruits.
In an address on plum culture delivered before the Maryland Horticultural society J. W. Kerr says: "It is a fact that the European plums have no general value as an orchard fruit in our state. The Japanese, which only a short time back unfolded bright hopes with every blossom, are now threatening repudiation of those captivated by the first and greatest boom in the Baldwin, strawberry culture in the Houghton. Singular that Massachusetts should figure so largely and prominently in the origin of plums, which are now so largely raising epochs in commercial fruit growing, but these are all legitimate pomological children of hers. One immutable fact illumines our progress in the aggregate—viz, success hinges on pure native varieties.

Cultivated American Ginseng.
The efforts of the department of agriculture in encouraging the cultivation of ginseng have met with gratifying success. An investigation of the subject was begun in 1893 and a report issued in the following year. At that time the department announced the cultivation of the root as feasible, but could give no information as to the manner in which cultivated root would be received in the Chinese market. During the past four years, however, experimentation in ginseng culture has gone steadily on. The cultivated product has been marketed and the commercial status of cultivated American ginseng established. First class cultivated roots, dried, have been selling during the past year at \$10.00 to \$15.00 per pound, slightly in advance of the best wild root. The department, therefore, fully indorses the cultivation of American ginseng as an additional resource of the American farmer.

Winter Feed For Cows.
Some of the best winter feed for two advantages which a winter station but let us remarks upon as follows: They are appetizing, which makes the cow enjoy her feed, and they keep the system in a healthy condition and the bowels free. The heater we can feed our cow in winter to secure the natural loose condition of the droppings as they are from June pasture the more she can eat and the more she will be able to give in return for each pound of feed eaten. When a cow is constipated, there is a feverish condition of the body, a smaller per cent of the feed is digested and converted into milk and the yield is lowered. If the dairyman has neither ensilage nor roots, he should combine his feed to secure as nearly as possible the right condition of the bowels. This is hard to do without succulent feeds. The best of feeds following the general effect which each has in this respect is given:

Loosening Feeds.—Alfalfa, sorghum hay, ensilage, roots, bran, soy bean meal, linseed meal, glutten meal, etc.

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YOUNG MAN
Wealth and honors await you if you prepare yourself to take them. Success is not a matter of chance. It is a matter of preparation. If you want to be paid a good salary you must first be worth it. There are thousands of men who are paid good salaries who are not worth it. They are not worth it because they are not prepared. They are not prepared because they are not serious. They are not serious because they are not determined. They are not determined because they are not honest. They are not honest because they are not brave. They are not brave because they are not wise. They are not wise because they are not good. They are not good because they are not true. They are not true because they are not just. They are not just because they are not kind. They are not kind because they are not gentle. They are not gentle because they are not soft. They are not soft because they are not sweet. They are not sweet because they are not pure. They are not pure because they are not clean. 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